

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

PARKER POE,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 3:24-cv-00368
)	
v.)	Judge Crenshaw
)	Magistrate Judge Frensley
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, <i>et al.</i>,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO RECONSIDER STATE COURT ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF LEAVE TO PROCEED UNDER PSEUDONYM**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), Defendants Vanderbilt University (“Vanderbilt”), Dr. Melanie Lowe (“Dr. Lowe”), and Dr. Jeremy Bourgoin (“Dr. Bourgoin” (collectively, “Defendants”) move the Court to reconsider the “Order for Leave to Proceed Under Pseudonym” issued by the Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee prior to Defendants’ removal of the case to this Court (“State Court Order”) (ECF No. 1-1 at 77). Plaintiff’s allegations do not entitle him to the exceptional relief of proceeding under a pseudonym. Instead, as courts have held previously, the types of allegations made by Plaintiff to support his claims arising out of a university student conduct proceeding should be governed by the presumption of open and transparent court proceedings.

For these reasons, as more fully discussed in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, Defendants respectfully request that the Court should effectively reconsider the State Court Order by issuing its own order denying Plaintiff leave to file under a pseudonym and requiring Plaintiff to file an Amended Complaint including his full name in compliance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 10.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.01(a)(1), counsel for Defendants have conferred with counsel for Plaintiff, and the relief requested in this motion is opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on June 11, 2024, a copy of the foregoing *Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration of State Court Order Granting Plaintiff Leave to Proceed Under Pseudonym* was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent by operation of the Court's electronic filing system to all parties indicated on the electronic filing receipt. Parties may access this filing through the Court's electronic filing system.

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